

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, DC  
Attn : Alien Staff ☐ ☐  
FROM : Chief, ☐ ☐ Office

SEA-293-68  
DATE: 11 October 1968

SUBJECT: Case 32254 -- Fred Z. LAUNAGS

REF : ☐ ☐ telecon 11 October 1968

1. On 10 October 1968 I received a telephone call from Mrs. Betheny H. Rautio, Branch Executive, YWCA, Fifth and Seneca Streets, Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Rautio is a personal friend of some twelve years who is familiar with my government association. She is a very stable person and not one to have any "kooky" illusions about the functions of our organization. Mrs. Rautio related the following, thinking that we would have some interest.

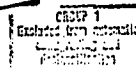
2. On 4 October 1968 Miss Dorothy Kiely, YWCA Building Director, was interviewed by an FBI agent who properly identified himself. The agent said that the FBI had Subject under surveillance because he was unhappy with the US administration (referring to officialdom in Washington DC) because he had not been properly rewarded for services rendered to the US Government. The agent said that Subject had served a "sister" agency and had been maltreated since his services were no longer needed. The FBI agent said that Subject felt that he was entitled to a life pension and had now been turned out to fend for himself. Miss Kiely, according to Mrs. Rautio, is an impressionable middle-aged woman who is inclined to gossip, and at the same time is intelligent enough to figure out that the unnamed agency is probably CIA. I told Mrs. Rautio that I knew Subject and that the story told by the FBI agent to Miss Kiely was in most aspects true but requested that she not let the information go any further, and I am sure it will not.

3. Initially I contemplated calling the FBI to complain that the agent gave Miss Kiely information that was above and beyond his responsibility. After thinking it over I decided not to call the SAC feeling that the agent involved might get a dressing down for his indiscretion. I do not think it would be a good idea to have the information filter back to the SAC in Seattle via official channels as this could be even



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worse than a discussion at the local level. If it is felt that something should be said to the FBI locally I would appreciate your letting me handle it rather than having it go through normal liaison channels as I think I could soften the blow and maintain our excellent rapport.

4. For your information I attach a copy of each document being held in Subject's personnel file at the YWCA. I do not anticipate that we will become involved in any way with Subject but I am sure that Mrs. Rautio will keep us informed regarding Subject's activities. It appears that he began his employment on 11 September 1968, and according to Mrs. Rautio his work has been satisfactory.

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Attachments

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# NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT

Name Fred Z. Launaga Date of beginning September 11, 1968  
 Address Y H C A Room 399 Position Junior  
 Telephone HM 2-5221 Department Building  
 Name & Address of Relative to notify Dr. F. Launaga Rate of pay \_\_\_\_\_  
 in case of emergency c/o Latvian Legation  
Washington, D. C.

SS 220-31-334,3

To Ronald Albert Boetinger

DELETED  
 Department Head  
 Approved by William J. Pauls

In triplicate:  
 1 copy - Executive Office  
 1 copy - Business Office  
 X1 copy - Department Head

INTER - OFFICE - MEMO

From the Desk of Building

September 10, 1968

Mr. Karlsons says he has  
known Fred for a long time.

Reliable man if he decides to  
stay in Seattle.

Mr. Sinka investigated him in the  
Latvian community and found him to be O.K.

Mr. Sinka also talked with him as did I  
re not taking job unless he wished to  
stay because of necessity of training  
him.

Replacement for Mr. A. Bosteder.

D. Kiely

Mrs. Anna Derrains has known Fred  
from childhood, very fine family. Is a  
responsible and trustworthy person.  
/s/

9/10/68 Memo to make his home  
in Seattle

CURRENT APPLICATION

EMPLOYEE  
SEATTLE Y.M.C.A.

Name FRED Z. LAUNAGS Position applied for Open Date Sept. 3, 1968

Address at Y.M.C.A. Seattle Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone MA 2-5208 Age 49 Date of birth June 7, 1919 Place of birth Piebalga, Lat.  
Rm 349

Physical condition good Weight 165 Height 5'11" Defects have to wear glasses  
separated 2 married children

Marital status once married No. of dependents — Church — (none in particular)

Social security no. 940-74-343 Number of exemptions claimed (withholding) 1

Education: (please check) high school University college 1, 2, 3, 4 Date left: spring, 1941  
6, 7, 8th grade

Work Experience: (last job first)

Firm	Address	Nature of duties & Salary	Why left?
1. Y.M.C.A.	4th Ave. Seattle	buss boy \$1.60 p.h.	still there 15 hrs
2. Bohemian Club	San Francisco, Calif.	service superintend. \$4.00 p.d.	clashed with gen. m. 1955 to 1964
3. Dr. T. Launags	Lancaster, Penna.	housekeeper R & B	family matters

Character References (3): persons of responsible positions: Church, school, doctors, etc

Name	Phone	Address	Occupation
1. Mrs. Anna DRUZINS	LA-0075	2104 N 75th Seattle	artist-painter
2. Mr. Leonards BENSONS	-0775	United Airlines, Seattle	accountant
3. Mr. Nikolajs KARLSONS	c/o Y.M.C.A.		building superintendant

Can you operate switchboard No —; elevator yes (please check)

Are you now a member of a Health & Welfare plan NO

Person to call in emergency: Name Dr. T. LAUNAGS

Address c/o LATVIAN LEGATION Phone Washington, D.C.

Fred Launags  
(applicant's signature)

Name & address of Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_

(It is your responsibility to notify us of any change in your beneficiary).

Are you a member of the Y.M.C.A.?

Are you interested in becoming a member? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Men can become associate members).

To be filled in by Y.M.C.A.:

Date of chest x-ray \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Medical exam \_\_\_\_\_

Date of first deduction for Savings & Security \_\_\_\_\_

1959 to date in this country,

SEP 11,